GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:329
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INDEBTEDNESS OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding farmer household indebtedness in the country, State- wise;

(b) whether the debt burden on each farmer is more than the average annual per capita income in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether providing liberal/enhanced institutional credit to farmers by banks has increased their debt-burden; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 329 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2008.

(a): As per the report on the "Indebtedness of Farmer Households" (NSS 59th Round) released by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) in May, 2005, of the 89.35 million farmer households, 43.42 million farmer households (48.6%) were reported to be indebted to either formal or informal or both sources of credit. State-wise details are annexed.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise